

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44.6–8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

PSALM 86.11-end (see back page)

R/ You, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.12–25

Life may sometimes seem to be full of pain and struggle - but there will be freedom and unimaginable joy when the suffering is over and our redemption is complete.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹² Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the

creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

The good and bad of the world are allowed to grow together because in God's own good time he will make judgement and act accordingly.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus put before the crowd another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” ²⁸ He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” ²⁹ But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

We don't take a **collection** during the service. *But offerings may be left in the plates at the back of church.* Thanks for your support!

Refreshments follow the Parish Eucharist in the Church Hall. Please join us!

Hymns - (AMRW):

<i>Introit</i>	AMRW 584 – All my hope on God is founded
<i>Gradual</i>	AMRW 34 – Earth was waiting
<i>Offertory</i>	AMRW 141 – Beneath the cross of Jesus
<i>During Communion</i>	AMRW 246 – Holy Spirit, Come
	AMRW 430i – Bread of Heaven
<i>After Communion</i>	AMRW 569i – The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

R/You, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.
12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore.
13 For great is your love towards me;
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit. **R/**
14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a violent band seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.
15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth. **R/**
16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
17 Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me. **R/**

Next Sunday, 26 July is
the 8th Sunday after Trinity
Eucharist: 10.30 am
with the Ven Libby Wilkinson

Readings:

1 Kings 3.5-12;
Romans 8.26-39;
Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Please pray for Philip Corr and Rebecca Hambleton who will be getting married at St Cuthbert's Church at 12.00 noon on Saturday 25 July.

Parish of St Cuthbert, Benfieldside



The Parish is currently in vacancy please contact:

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7th SUNDAY after TRINITY

19 July 2026

Psalm 139 says, "O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar." We come joyfully to meet with God who knows us better than we know ourselves.

Eucharist: 10.30 am – We welcome the Revd Dr Daniel Parkinson today.

Collect:

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
whoever finds this seed will remain for ever. **Alleluia!**

Eucharistic Prayer B is used

*We welcome communicant members of any Christian Church to **receive communion**
- people who don't receive communion are invited to receive a blessing*

**Choral Evensong will be held at St Ives Church, Leadgate this afternoon
at 4.00 pm with tea and cake to follow. All are welcome!**